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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

## Claims 1-7 Canceled

8. (New) A method for the control of nematodes comprising contacting the nematodes or their food supply, habitat or breeding ground with a nematicidally effective amount of at least one compound of formula I:

$$R$$
  $(I)$ 

wherein R is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted with 1, 2 or 3 radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, amino, nitro, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio, 5- to 10-membered heteroaryl containing as ring members 1, 2, 3 or 4 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, and phenyl, wherein the heteroaryl and phenyl radicals may be substituted with any combination of 1 to 5 halogen atoms, 1 or 2 cyano groups, 1 or 2 nitro groups, 1 to 3 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl groups, 1 to 4 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl groups, 1 to 3 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy groups or 1 to 3 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy groups.

- 9. (New) A method for the control of nematodes according to claim 8 wherein R is  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl.
- 10. (New) A method for the control of nematodes according to claim 8 wherein R is n-butyl.
- 11. (New) A method for the control of nematodes according to claim 9 wherein R is n-butyl.
- 12. (New) A method for the control of nematodes according to claim 8 wherein the nematodes are selected from the *Meloidogyne*, *Heterodera and Globodera* species.
- 13. (New) A method for the control of nematodes according to claim 9 wherein the nematodes are selected from the *Meloidogyne*, *Heterodera and Globodera* species.

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14. (New) A method for the control of nematodes according to claim 10 wherein the nematodes are selected from the *Meloidogyne*, *Heterodera and Globodera* species.

15. (New) A method for the protection of plants from infestation or attack by nematodes comprising applying to the plants or to the soil or the water in which they are growing a nematicidally effective amount of at least one compound of formula I:

$$R$$
  $(I)$ 

wherein R is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted with 1, 2 or 3 radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, amino, nitro, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio, 5- to 10-membered heteroaryl containing as ring members 1, 2, 3 or 4 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, and phenyl, wherein the heteroaryl and phenyl radicals may be substituted with any combination of 1 to 5 halogen atoms, 1 or 2 cyano groups, 1 or 2 nitro groups, 1 to 3 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl groups, 1 to 4 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl groups, 1 to 3 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy groups or 1 to 3 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy groups.

- 16. (New) A method according to claim 15 wherein R is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl.
- 17. (New) A method according to claim 15 wherein R is n-butyl.
- 18. (New) A method according to claim 15 wherein the nematodes are selected from the *Meloidogyne*, *Heterodera and Globodera* species.
- 19. (New) A method according to claim 16 wherein the nematodes are selected from the *Meloidogyne*, *Heterodera and Globodera* species.
- 20. (New) A method according to claim 17 wherein the nematodes are selected from the *Meloidogyne*, *Heterodera and Globodera* species.